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2021-03-04 Two charged with murder, robbery of Andrews man

Georgetown County Sheriff Carter Weaver would like to report that two men have been arrested and charged in connection with the murder of an Andrews man.

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, deputies responded to a reported home invasion on Gapway Road near Andrews. Family members of William Butler, Jr, arrived home from church to find their house had been broken into and their loved one brutally killed. Multiple firearms along with jewelry and other items had been stolen. The victim's red Chevrolet S-10 was also stolen from the residence. The truck was recovered shortly thereafter in the Big Dam Swamp community of Andrews, burned to the frame.

Investigators followed up on every lead available and were eventually able to execute search warrants on the residences of two suspects: Joshua Dylan Leday, 24, of Andrews and Phillip Thomas Powers, 49, of Georgetown. Guns and jewelry stolen during the murder, along with other evidence, were recovered from both suspects' residences.

Both Leday and Powers have been charged with Murder, Criminal Conspiracy, Burglary in the 1st Degree and Grand Larceny. They are being held at Georgetown County Detention Center pending a bond hearing.

Sheriff Weaver stated: "Our investigative and forensics units have worked tirelessly for the Butler family in the hopes of solving the senseless murder of William Butler. Their efforts have paid off in seeking justice for those affected and to those responsible for taking an innocent life."

The investigation is still ongoing and more arrests are possible.

